

Reject NAB's petition 04-160.

As an XM radio listener, I have come to know and rely on all of the XM radio channels including the local traffic and weather channels. In Washington DC, traffic is horrific and XM's traffic channels have prevented me from needlessly sitting in traffic b/c I was forewarned by the traffic bulletin. It seems counterintuitive that the National Association of Broadcasting could cogently claim to own the local weather and traffic information. Traffic and weather information is also available on my handheld phone/PDA which can read internet web pages. What's next, for NAB to claim that this data has to be removed from the internet because local handheld PDA users can access it?

Satellite radio is one of many burgeoning technologies that improves the lives of Americans. The creation of new laws and policies to thwart the growth and success of these technologies, including satellite radio, epitomizes the NAB's inability to address/incorporate new technologies into their business model.

The NAB should be redefining their mission and vision in a much broader context to maximize new methods of delivering information through broadcasting because if they don't, new technologies will render them obsolete.

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